



Commanding Officer's Hazing Policy Statement

We are all members of a very unique Battalion. As 2d LAAD brothers in arms, we cannot afford for any of us to think that it is acceptable to condone hazing or to endorse any rite of passage. We have all earned the Eagle, Globe and Anchor - and that alone distinguishes us as a band of brothers.

We have already proven ourselves as warriors fit to be called Marines. We have all given our word and pledged that we will ***Just Do Right!***

I ask for each of you to make sure you take care of each other. Consider how you would like others to treat you and then ensure your conduct follows suit. Let's follow the Golden Rule - this will ensure we don't have an incident that would be prejudice to good order and discipline.

It is our collective responsibility to intervene, stop and report any action that degrades or otherwise places a Marine at odds with what we have come to expect regarding the Core Values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Our actions will define our character. ***I expect the character of every 2d LAAD Bn Officer, SNCO, NCO and junior Marine to be above reproach. We few, we precious few, we band of brothers.***

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joel A. Burdette".

JOEL A. BURDETTE
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